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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ELECTRIC POWER AND SOLID FUELS

TO : Executive Secretary, EIC  
FROM : Chairman, EIC Subcommittee on Electric Power and Solid Fuels  
SUBJECT: EIC Subcommittee Annual Report, FY'58  
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A. GENERAL REPORT ON FY'58

The Subcommittee held one meeting during the year to review an external research project. Informal coordination of collection activities, discussion of intelligence problems, and agreement on statistics continued, as in the past, to meet the needs of the individual members of the Subcommittee. This report will therefore outline the major activities of the individual members, which contributed toward the furtherance of intelligence objectives.

The de-emphasis of electric power intelligence research by the Air Force was high-lighted during the year by the abolition of the electric power unit in AFCIN 3A. The research responsibilities have been divided between CIA, which will do the Target Data Inventories, and the Air Research Division at the Library of Congress, which will do target complex studies.

B. SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES DURING FY'58

1. Review of Intelligence Product

No activity

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2. Research and Collection Deficiencies

- a. See Annex A for statement of priority research.
- b. No change has been made in priority collection requirements during FY '58.
- c. RIE Post Mortems and Validity studies have not been received by this Subcommittee.

3. Review of Substantive Papers

No activity

4. Review of Proposals for External Research

The Subcommittee reviewed a CIA-sponsored external research project on "Establishing Economic Criteria for Adoption of Nuclear Power Plants", and recommended that the project be undertaken. The EIC concurred. The contract was let in March, 1958.

5. Maintenance of Agreed Basic Statistics

As in the past, annual agreement on basic statistics on electric power and solid fuels has been obtained through informal liaison.

6. Projects Undertaken at Request of EIC

None

7. Intelligence Research Techniques

No activity

8. Special Coordination Functions

a. Assistance was given to the IAC Ad Hoc Committee on Exchanges with regard to an exchange of electric power delegations. A revised itinerary for the USSR was created and agreed terms for the exchange were drawn up. The terms and the itinerary were presented to the USSR, without result to date.

b. RIE's for Czechoslovakia, Albania, Communist China, and Poland were coordinated between the interested members.

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9. Evaluation of the Role of the Subcommittee

The activities of Subcommittee members in the field of electric power and solid fuels continued to decline in FY'58. At the present time CIA and Army have an active research program in electric power, and only CIA has a solid fuels research program. The Army continues to carry responsibility for the electric power contribution to the NIS.

C. FUTURE PROGRAM

Electric Power

The FY'59 research program of CIA will continue to emphasize economic aspects: investment, costs of production, consumption, and support to research on the USSR atomic energy program. Army will continue to have responsibility for the NIS program.

Solid Fuels

As in the past, CIA will have the main research responsibility for NIS production and economic research on solid fuels in the Soviet bloc.

It is expected that the Subcommittee will continue informal coordination, with formal coordination when desirable.

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